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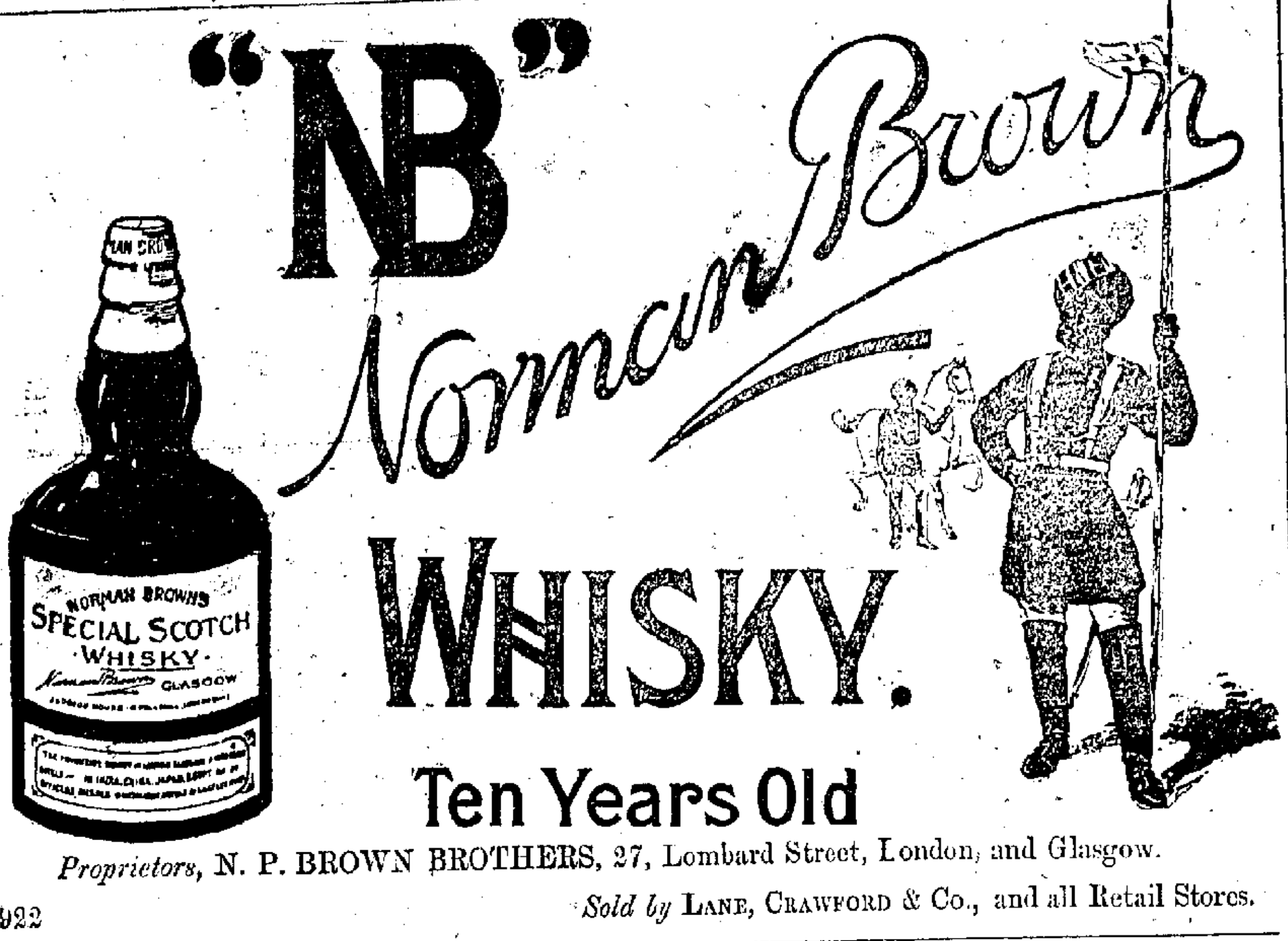
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By Order of the Board,  
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The Marquis Salvago is nominated by Italy to Peking, but it is not known yet whether he acts as Minister or merely as Chargé d'Affaires.

Captain Rumsey has been appointed a member of the Executive Council, and Mr W. Chatham a member of the Legislative Council.

Thorton Mrs Carew has been booked only to Hongkong the Japan Times states that she is to be sent to England to be confined in Holloway Jail.

The latest accounts from America give the score in the contest for the Chess Championship of the United States as Pillsbury 8, Showalter 7, draws 3.

It is notified in the Gazette that H. E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Capt. George Fraser Phillips, 1st Batta. West Yorkshire Regiment, to be His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp.

The appointment of Mr W. Chatham to be Director of Public Works is gazetted. Communications relating to the Fraya Reclamation Works are to be addressed to Mr E. Bowdler, the special engineer in charge of the works.

It is currently reported amongst natives in Shanghai (says the N.-C. Daily News) that H. E. Shing has refused to receive the resignation of Dr Ho Kai and that he has telegraphed to the latter asking him to return to Shanghai to resume his post.

The London correspondent of an American newspaper states that the British Admiralty is considering a scheme for the further augmentation of the fleet on the China Station, the growing importance of which is now fully recognised.

Yesterday, two constables were attacked by a number of Chinese in Hunghom, and one of the men was so severely assaulted that he had to be removed to the hospital. Constables Ratty and Wilson, in stepping on to the pavement in one of the streets in Hunghom accidentally knocked over a table containing food. A number of coolies set upon the constables; one of the men with a hammer inflicted a severe wound on Constable Ratty's head. Another man armed with a carrying pole rushed at Wilson and cut him severely about the head, and also bruised his eye. The infuriated men afterwards beaten off and assistance having arrived several were arrested. Constable Ratty was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. At the Magistrate's today the case was remanded to allow of the attendance of the constable.

**MACAO AND THE WEST RIVER.**  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Macao, May 8, 1897.

AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPLANT HONGKONG.  
The Government of Macao received yesterday the following telegram from the Lisbon Government:—

“Lisbon, 6th May, 1897.  
“Executive Council, Macao.

“Article 3 of the Decree of April 30 provides that steamers proceeding from Hongkong, Canton, Peking, Hoihow, West River and all other Chinese Ports are exempted from Macao tonnage dues and other harbour imposts.

“(Signed) Minister.”  
The announcement has afforded much satisfaction to the Chinese merchants of Macao, and should be welcome also to those having commercial intercourse with this port.

As soon as the opening of foreign trade of the West River, as far as Wuchowfu, was made known the only exponent of public opinion in Macao—the Echo Macanese—began to agitate strenuously for the abolition of the dues chargeable to shipping at this port, and the efforts of the press were most energetically and faithfully backed up by our present Colonial Secretary, Mr Alfredo Lello. It would seem that through his repeated representations to the Home Government has the abolition of such a heavy taxation upon shipping been so seasonably brought about. Though Mr Secretary Lello has apparently failed to obtain sanction for the carrying out of the harbour works as a means for the amelioration of the deplorable condition of Macao's trade, his efforts, no less laudable, by relieving it of undue taxation, have happily been successful. How greatly we are indebted to his foresight, on the eve of new intercourse being established with an important province of China, by means of the West River, will be seen from the fact that hitherto by a decree of the 21st October, 1880, a duty of 50 reis (or 7½ cents per ton) was levied on all vessels entering the port of Macao, optional to such an extent into an agreement with the Government for the payment of an annual sum calculated upon the probable number of voyages the vessels make during the year. As a result of this onerous taxation there was a decrease of 53 per cent in arrivals during 1895 as compared with the number of arrivals in 1890.

Bearing in mind that the navigation of the West River is only possible for seasons of small draught and that the river dries up into the sea in the summer months, it is not surprising that the large riverboats will continue to be taken to the West River for the purpose of destination in the winter months, and that the small boats adapted to navigate the upper reaches of the river will continue to be taken to the West River for the purpose of destination in the summer months.

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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Sir Wm. Robinson, K.C.M.G., presided. There were present—H. E. Major-General Wilson Black, C.B. Officer Commanding the Garrison; Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. T. Serembe Smith, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. W. Chatham, Acting Director of Public Works; Hon. M. Rumsey, Harbour Master; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. K. H. Whitehead, E. R. Bellis, C.M.G., and Wei Yuk; and Mr J. G. T. Buckle, Acting Clerk of Council.

**NEW MEMBER.**  
Mr Chatham took the oath of allegiance.

**MINUTES.**  
The minutes of last meeting were read, and after being amended were approved.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES.**  
The Colonial Secretary moved the approval of Financial Minutes No. 28 of 1896 and Nos. 1 to 9 of 1897, which had been sanctioned by the Finance Committee. Mr Smith seconded.

**PAPERS.**  
The Colonial Secretary laid on the table reports on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, Calendar of Probates, etc., and return of Supreme Court Cases for 1896, and the Secretary of State's despatch respecting Defence Forces at Hongkong.

**MR WHITEHEAD ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:**  
“Will the Government lay upon the table a detailed statement framed in terms of and in accordance with the instructions contained in the Secretary of State's despatch dated 17th March 1897, showing—  
(1) The estimated total revenue which will be recoverable from all shipping separately under each head during the year 1898; and  
(2) The estimated total expenditure which will be chargeable to all shipping separately under each head during the same period.”

The Colonial Secretary said—In reply. I beg to state that instructions have been issued for the preparation of the returns asked for by the hon. member and that the returns when ready will be laid on the Council table.

**OTIUM FAMI.**  
His Excellency said the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce had asked a question in December last regarding the Opium Farm and whether the Government would consider the advisability of appointing a Commission to investigate and report on the opium revenue generally and the advisability or otherwise of substituting for the present Opium Farm Bonded Warehouses and a fixed duty on Opium. He might mention that the Government had in the matter careful consideration, and he did not intend to appoint a Commission to inquire into the matter suggested by the hon. member.

**SANITARY BY-LAWS.**  
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The Volksraad at Pretoria has repealed the ‘Aliens Emigrant’ law.

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The Greeks left Volo undefended. They lost terribly in the retreat from Pharsala.

**WEATHER NOTICE.**  
The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 10th at 11.25 a.m. The barometer has risen on the S. coast of China, fallen on the E. coast. Pressure is high over E. Japan, slightly low in the Gulf of Tongking. Forecast:—moderate E. and S.E. winds; showery, misty.

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Would you hear how Nimrod Dawson Slow the tigers, left his young one All alone in the deep mountain, Boring his way through the West River St. King in full of China.

In the land of peacock's feathers, Almond eyes, and great pandjandrus. In the great gorge called San Yung Hap. Where the waters whirl and eddy. Gauding savagely at all times At the feet of the mountain.

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Man of peaceful aspect, Ignorant of harm approaching, Stricken down with ne'er a warning, Save a streak of their own color, Hurled by four limbs down upon them. Washing, sunning, and then oblivion, Carried off to feed their young ones, Feed the cubs that in the future These might prey upon their children—

Horrid state of evolution, All unceasing, never ending? Should you wish to hear the story, I will tell you, I will tell you, Tell you of this long-legged hero, Mighty son of Bonnie Scotland, Where the heather, and the whisky, Give the heart, the bone, the sinews, Requisite for deeds of daring! Listen to this simple story, To the story of Nimrod Dawson.

Wandering early in the morning In the fields of well-grown mulberry, Shooting snipe to feed companions, Spied a foot-print—large and fearsome— Of a great man-eating tiger With a small one trailing by its side. And a little farther he went on, Where the beast had killed its victim— Wretched, struggling, writhing native— For its tooth had gone right through him. Hidous hole in chest to show it.

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urinary or-  
gans in either  
sex in  
**48 HOURS**  
Santal Midy  
is a  
specific for  
Gonorrhea,  
Cystitis,  
Prostatitis,  
and all other  
discharges from  
the urinary  
organs. It is  
not a cathartic,  
and causes  
no inconvenience.  
Beware of imitations.  
Each tiny Capsule  
bears the name  
**SANTAL MIDY**  
G. RUE VIVIERE, PARIS

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.  
MONTHLY SERVICE.  
(Under Mail Contract.)  
FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND  
BOMBAY.

The Co's Steamship  
Mito Maru,  
Capt. P. H. Goss, will  
be despatched for the  
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th May,  
at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
Hongkong, May 10, 1897. 902

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Co's Steamship  
Shanghai,  
Capt. H. H. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1897. 910

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.  
FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Co's Steamship  
Shanghai,  
Capt. F. H. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th May, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1897. 870

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.  
FOR TIENT-SIN.

The Co's Steamship  
Nanchang,  
Capt. F. H. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1897. 865

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
(Under Mail Contract with the  
Austrian Government.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,  
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURACHEE,  
ADEN, MASSANA, SUEZ, PORT  
SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE,  
TRIESTE & GENOA.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-  
CUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF,  
RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT  
and ADRIATIC PORTS.)  
Also to SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

The Co's Steamship  
Garda,  
Capt. L. Bazzani, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant.  
Cargo will not be received on board after  
3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.  
For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to  
**SANDER & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1897. 923

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR HAMBURG & LONDON, VIA  
SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship  
Sardinia,  
Capt. G. G. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th May.  
For Freight, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 3, 1897. 860

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
(Under Mail Contract with the  
Austrian Government.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI & KOBE.  
The Co's Steamship  
Ferdinand,  
Capt. R. Mayer, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports on the 14th Instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SANDER & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 7, 1897. 933

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG AND  
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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Hongkong, May 7, 1897. 933

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND  
HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-  
DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON,  
LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)  
The Steamship  
Ceres,  
Capt. Th. F. F. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports on MONDAY, the 17th Instant,  
at 4 p.m.  
For Freight, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1897. 936

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## Steamers.

**THE OREGON RAILWAY AND  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S  
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.**  
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.  
(Subject to Alteration.)  
Monthly Service | Wednesday | 12th May.  
TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED  
STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

The Steamship  
Monsieur,  
Capt. J. H. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th May,  
at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 7, 1897. 849

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR TIENT-SIN (DIRECT).

The Co's Steamship  
Tientsin,  
Capt. R. Mayer, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1897. 826

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.  
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND  
POINTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co's Steamship  
China,  
Capt. R. Mayer, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1897. 812

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.  
MONTHLY SERVICE.  
(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS-  
VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY  
AND MELBOURNE.

The Co's Steamship  
Oni Maru,  
Capt. O. Yocco, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m.  
This Steamship is fitted with Superior Pas-  
senger Accommodation and is lighted by  
Electricity throughout.  
A daily qualified Doctor and a European  
Stewardess are carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
Hongkong, May 4, 1897. 911

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR HAMBURG & LONDON, VIA  
SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship  
Sardinia,  
Capt. G. G. Goss, will  
be despatched for the above  
Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th May.  
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**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
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Hongkong, May 3, 1897. 860

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FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND  
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(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-  
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Hongkong, May 8, 1897. 936

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## Mails.

## NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,  
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI,  
EGYPT, MARSEILLE,  
MEDITERRANEAN AND  
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,  
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.  
ON WEDNESDAY, the 12th May,  
at Noon, the Company's Steamship  
YANORSE, Captain LUDWIG, with MAILS,  
PASSENGERS, SPECIMENS, and CARGO,  
will leave for PORT OF MARSEILLES via  
Ports of Call, without transshipment.  
Cargo and Specie will be received for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit for Marseilles for the  
principal place of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,  
via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,  
YOKOHAMA, YOKOHAMA AND HONO-  
LULU, TO-MORROW, the 11th May,  
at Noon.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all trans-  
atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal  
cities of the United States or Canada.  
Rates and particulars of the various routes  
may be obtained upon application.  
Special rates (first class only) are granted  
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,  
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,  
to European officials in service of China  
and Japan, and to Government officials and  
their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-  
embarking at San Francisco for China or  
Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will  
be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This  
discount does not apply to through fares  
from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full, and must be received at  
the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
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in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office, addressed to the Col-  
lector of Customs, San Francisco.  
For further information as to Freight  
and Passage, apply to the Agency or to  
company, No. 7, Praya Central.

**J. S. VAN BUREN,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1897. 611

**U. S. Mail Line.**  
**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.**

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
City of Rome (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) THURSDAY, May 20, at noon.  
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) TUESDAY, June 8, at noon.  
City of San Francisco (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) SATURDAY, June 26, at noon.

**NOTICE.**  
STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUZ, PORT SAID,  
NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,  
POINTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO,  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for the principal places in  
RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
Subject to Alteration.  
Prinz Heinrich Tuesday... May 26.  
Frederick Tuesday... June 22.  
Sachsen Tuesday... July 20.  
Bayern Tuesday... August 17.  
Prinz Heinrich Tuesday... Sept. 14.  
Frederick Tuesday... October 12.  
Sachsen Tuesday... November 9.  
Bayern Tuesday... December 7.  
Prinz Heinrich Tuesday... January 4.

ON TUESDAY, the 26th day of May,  
1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's  
S.S. PRINZ HEINRICH, Captain O.  
CURPENS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS,  
SPECIMENS, and CARGO, will leave this  
port, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon on MONDAY, the 22nd May.  
Cargo and Specie will be received on  
board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 24th  
May, and Parcels will be received at  
the Agency's Office until Noon, on MONDAY,  
the 24th May. Contents of Packages  
are required. No Parcel Receipts will be  
signed on MONDAY, the 22nd May, and Parcels  
should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in  
measurement.  
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation  
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
Lunch and wine are served on board.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
**MELBOURN & Co.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1897. 679

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## Mails.

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
Coptic (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) TUESDAY, May 11, at noon.  
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) SATURDAY, May 29, at noon.  
Doric (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) THURSDAY, June 17, at noon.

The Steamship COPTIC will be  
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,  
via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,  
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LULU, TO-MORROW, the 11th May,  
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City of San Francisco (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) SATURDAY, June 26,



MONDAY, MAY 10, 1897.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG EXCHANGE.  
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

- No. 1.—Aberdeen, Paper Mill Office.  
2.—Aberdeen, Paper Mill.  
3.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.  
4.—Anderson, Capt., Fraya Central.  
5.—Arnold, Harbinger & Co.  
6.—Beck, J. M., Residence.  
7.—Bell, Asbestos Co.  
8.—Benjamin, S., Residence.  
9.—Benjamin, Kelly & Pettis.  
10.—Bourmann, C., Residence.  
11.—Blackhead & Co.  
12.—Bradley & Co., Residence.  
13.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.  
14.—Burnie & Goddard Capt.  
15.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.  
16.—Do, do, Quarry Bay.  
17.—Do, do, Shipping Office.  
18.—Do, do, Sugar Office.  
19.—Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.  
20.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.  
21.—Canton Insurance Co.  
22.—Carlowitz & Co.  
23.—Carmichael & Co.  
24.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.  
25.—Chai On Insurance Co.  
26.—Chan Choy, Residence.  
27.—China Mail Office.  
28.—China Merchants Office.  
29.—Do, Godown.  
30.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.  
31.—Do, Town Office.  
32.—Chow Fung Shing, Residence.  
33.—Cobbold, Rev. R. F., Residence.  
34.—Club Germania.  
35.—Club, Hongkong.  
36.—Do, Lugano.  
37.—Do, Peak.  
38.—Colonial Secretary.  
39.—Com. Union Assurance Co.  
40.—Comptroller, D. Laprak & Co., Office.  
41.—Do, do, Residence.  
42.—Cousins, J. B., Office.  
43.—Daily Press Office.  
44.—Daily Farm Office.  
45.—Daily Farm, Pok-fu-lum.  
46.—Do, do, Residence.  
47.—Do, do, Residence.  
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2. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unopened, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packages.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery and, where registration has been effected, will make no inquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet, *at Gibraltar*. No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels may be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 25 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duties. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China, which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to those of the Parcel Post.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.
2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.
3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately after the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.
4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of a postman, or by the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.
5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Missing or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missing or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to me by the Hongkong Post, without any receipt, or Received at 7 p.m., or without any receipt, or whatever*, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

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2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

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THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

RECENT SPANISH SUCCESSES.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

The Manila papers now to hand give particulars of the capture of Indang and Naic, two of the rebel towns situated near the foot of the mountains of the Cavite province. The rebel army appears to have moved into the mountains. The Commander-in-Chief, who appears to have operated on Indang, reports having lost 11 men killed and 41 wounded, whilst the enemy had 36 killed. General Suero, on the other hand, who had charge of the operations in Naic, reports 500 killed of the enemy and 20 of his own troops, with 91 wounded. The figures of the latter are in the usual style adopted by other valiant generals, and not at all reliable, unless the Spanish troops adopted the tactics as at Nasagbu, Orani, and several villages in Bulacan by shooting down inoffensive inhabitants who had fled to the churches for safety. Something in the neighborhood of the General-in-Chief's figures above mentioned, is more likely.

M. Nue Aguinalda, the rebel leader, is reported to have directed operations in person.

The Spanish prisoners held by the rebels have been set free, and found to have been well cared for and every attention paid to them. This dispels all the false and highly coloured reports that have appeared in the Manila press from time to time giving details of their horrible assassination and torture, and certainly speaks well for the rebels. The only reprisal they took was to shoot 4 Spanish priests on the 15th March last, in retaliation of the wholesale slaughter of unfortunate political prisoners on the promenade of Manila by order of the bloodthirsty Polavieja.

FOR MERIT!

The Manila Diary of the 1st May states—

We hear from well-informed sources that the distinguished officers of our navy now in these waters have the intention to present to the Spanish Government a highly patriotic public spirit, leading his body to the favour of the forces on sea and land. Public opinion will find the proposal with approbation, and relations of the seal of gratitude, the guarantee of mutual esteem between the brave sailors and their illustrious commander.

To all of them we send our most cordial wishes.

[This is the same Comage, President of the Spanish Casino and Controller General of the State, who has made himself universally conspicuous in the eyes of the world by the outrageous speech made by him at the banquet given on 13th October last by the loyal volunteers to celebrate the arrival of reinforcements from Spain by the steamer *Antonio Lopez*. He advocated general destruction, calling the insurgents cannibals, and, in his own words, to exterminate them in their lairs, to show no quarter, *et hoc genus omne*. His great services to the Navy consist in fulsome articles written for *El Comercio*, notably on the 10th March and 5th April, the latter dedicated especially to the Admiral in command, and in favour of the forces on sea and land. Public opinion will find the proposal with approbation, and relations of the seal of gratitude, the guarantee of mutual esteem between the brave sailors and their illustrious commander.]

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NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

THE LASE OF DELAGOA BAY DENIED.

Lisbon, April 3.—An official denial was issued here to-day of the report circulated by the *Daily Mail* of London in a dispatch from Cape Town, saying it was rumored that Delagoa Bay had been leased to Great Britain for thirty years at an annual rental of half a million pounds sterling.

STAG BOUNTIES IN FRANCE.

Paris, April 6.—The Senate to-day passed the stag bounties bill.

JAPANESE WARSHIP.

San Francisco, April 6.—Captain James, better known in Japan as Admiral James, sails for his home in the realm of the Mikado this morning.

HE HAS BEEN ON AN EXTENSIVE VISIT TO ENGLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WAR SHIPS FOR JAPAN, AND ALSO TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFERRING SO MUCH OF THE TRADE OF THE LAND OF THE SUNFLOWER AS POSSIBLE TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Captain James once held a commission in the British navy, and years ago went out to Japan to teach her sailors seamanship, gunnery and other arts of modern warfare. For years he has taught Japan's infant navy the science of gunnery, he holding the rank and pay of Admiral. He also took out from England to Japan a number of war vessels, including the cruiser *Yamato*, sister ship of the *Obidomaru*.

After the Japanese navy had secured an educated staff of officers for itself, the former officers or instructors were dismissed, the Japanese Government being desirous of showing the world that it could run its own navy. Admiral James was retained on a pension, which he still enjoys. Becoming weary of idleness, he applied for the agency of some large shipbuilding firm in England, and was instrumental in selling several vessels, war ships both old and new, to the Japanese Government, to his own financial advantage.

Admiral James is averse to being interviewed, and particularly as to the object of his recent mission to England.

'I do not mind saying, however,' he explained, 'that my trip has something to do with naval affairs—shipbuilding, in fact—but as nothing has been settled yet, it would be very premature to discuss it. You people here seem to want a monopoly of the Japanese trade. You can't have it; that is all.'

FATAL EXPLOSION IN PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, April 6.—Twenty persons were killed and many others injured by an explosion here to-day in a fireworks factory.

ANOTHER AMERICAN FASTEST VESSEL AHEAD.

Baltimore, April 6.—Torpedo-boat No. 3 returned this morning from a builder's trial trip in Chesapeake Bay, in the course of which she demonstrated that she is the fastest boat in the world except the *Yamato*. The course over which the trial was made is a triangular one, off Point No. 1, and it is the same over which the official trial will be made in a day or two. The new flyer accomplished twenty-five knots an hour with no difficulty. It is asserted that at one time she was traveling at the rate of thirty knots.

HONORED BY THE QUEEN.

Nice, April 7.—Queen Victoria visited the Prince of Wales' racing yacht *Britannia* to-day and conferred the medal of the Victoria Order upon the Captain Carter, the vessel's commander. The Prince of Wales received her majesty and party on board the *Britannia*, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Goulet and Captain Paget to the Queen.

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